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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH LAO AMBASSADOR

EA FOR HABIB

DURING LUNCH TODAY AT THE RESIDENCE, THE LAO AMBASSADOR
PHAGNA LIEN PRAVONGVIENGKHAM, TOOK ME ASIDE AND
ASKED IF I COULD FIND OUT FOR HIM WHERE MATTERS STOOD WITH
RESPECT TO HIS AGREEMENT TO HIS BEING POSTED TO WASHINGTON.
HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETURN HOME BEFORE PROCEEDING TO
WASHINGTON, AND SAID HIS PLANS WERE TO LEAVE PEKING IN
LATE AUGUST, SPEND ABOUT TEN DAYS
IN VIENTIANE, AND ARRIVE
IN WASHINGTON IN THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER. BUT HIS
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GOVERNMENT HAS NOT INFORMED HIM WHETHER THE AGREEMENT

HAS ACTUALLY BEEN REQUESTED. HE SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT IF IT HAD BEEN, WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE GRANTED IT PROMPTLY. I WOULD ASSUME THAT TOO. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW HE'S AN INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE GUY WHO SEEMS VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS US AND IF GIVEN HALF A CHANCE WOULD REPRESENT HIS GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON FAR MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN A PATHET LAO. ANYWAY, THE MAN OBVIOUSLY IS BESET WITH ALL KINDS OF UNCERTAINTITES ABOUT HIS FUTURE, AND ANYTHING I COULD SAY TO HIM BY WAY OF HELPING CLARIFY HIS SITUATION, WHETHER GOOD NEWS OR BAD, WOULD, I KNOW BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.
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